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**TO: BARBERING, COSMETOLOGY, ELECTROLOGY SCHOOLS,
AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSORS**

**SUBJECT: NEW IMPLEMENTATION DATE AND WEBCAST FOR NATIONAL PRACTICAL
EXAMINATION**

As you know the Board is in the process of implementing the national practical examination. In light of the many procedural and substantive questions coming in from schools since our announced September 1, 2011 implementation date, the Board has decided to delay the implementation of this examination until **October 1, 2011**. To assist schools in the transition to the new examination, there will be a webcast held on **September 19, 2011 at 9:00 am**.

Representatives from the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) will be in Sacramento to conduct an overview of the national practical examination. This overview will be webcasted live on the Board's website. We will be asking all schools and apprentice committees to submit their questions in advance so that they can be responded to during the webcast. In addition, school representatives will be able to e-mail questions during the webcast and have them responded to live if relevant questions arise during the webcast .

Space is limited for those who are interested in attending the overview in person. Due to the space limitations, we ask that only 1 representative from your school or committee attend in person. Admittance in person must be confirmed by the Board and you must receive a confirmation e-mail from a Board representative to attend the overview in person. The Board can only accommodate a limited number of individuals and admittance will be granted on a first come-first serve basis.

Those who wish to attend in person must RSVP to the Board by sending an e-mail to theresa.rister@dca.ca.gov no later than August 10, 2011. Please include the name of the school or committee, the name of the representative who will be attending, and the school or apprenticeship sponsor code.

Those who wish to submit a question that will be answered during the webcast should e-mail their questions to nancy.harlow@dca.ca.gov no later than August 26, 2011. Please list "WebCast" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Note: Any questions that would jeopardize examination security will not be responded to.

We anticipate that the presentation by the NIC staff and the subsequent question and answer period will last approximately 4 hours. We hope this will be a successful event and look forward to your participation. Please check the Board's website for further information regarding the link for the webcast.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Board directly at (916) 575-7100.

Sincerely,

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